

Spring Term Newsletter 2017

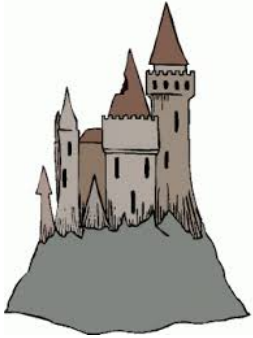
Happy New Year and Thank you

Thank you for all the generous presents we received at the end of term, we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and wish you all the best for 2017.



New Topic

The new topic for the spring term is Proud Princesses, Noble Knights and Creepy Castles! This topic will allow the children to explore history, whilst also looking at the modern royal family and their residences. They will look at various exciting fiction books around the theme as well as exploring non-fiction texts. Each classroom in EYFS and Key Stage 1 will have a castle themed role play area for the children to explore and develop their narrative and role play skills. There will also be opportunities for construction of castles in a Lego workshop and an exciting school trip to Bramhall Hall. Please see the table below for more details of what the children will be covering in each subject.



English	Recounts, Narrative, descriptive writing, character profile, non-chronological reports, grammar, punctuation and spelling.
Maths	Number and Place value Mass/weight 2-D and 3-D Shape Shape castles Counting and money Multiplication Division Length and Mass/weight Addition and subtraction Fractions Position and direction Time
Science	Materials - linked to how things were made in a castle.
History	Castles through the ages, time lines, artefacts
Geography	Human geography, why were castles built where they are and what features are around them?
Art	Paul Klee and other castles in art, Portraits of kings and queens, coats of arms – textiles.
DT	Moving toys – Rapunzel’s Tower wind up toy.
PE	Medieval dance and games
ICT	Using the internet, coding
PSHE	SEAL: Going for Goals, Health and Wellbeing , Growing and changing Keeping safe. E Safety: Think You Know. British Values: The Rule of Law
RE	Stories of love and forgiveness and Easter
Music	Appraising – Medieval music, instruments and entertainment.

SATs Meeting/ Phonics Screening Check Meeting

Tuesday 28th February 4:00pm will be an opportunity for Key stage 1 parents to attend an information evening about the SATs tests and phonics screening checks which will take place in May and June. We will show a presentation about the tests and answer any questions you may have. As in previous years, the children will be well prepared for their tests, they will not see this as a significant time, but rather as a part of their normal assessments. They are unlikely to know when they are taking the 'real' tests as we try to keep this low key to ensure the children don't feel any unnecessary pressure.



School Trip

In the Spring term the children will have the opportunity to visit Bramhall as part of their learning about Knights, Princesses and Castles. We hope the children will enjoy this trip and that it will enhance their topic work.

The Usual Reminders:

Water Bottles



Please send in a water bottle each day for your child to have access to during lessons. These should be taken home each day and fresh water sent in.

Frequent access to water improves concentration and encourages good health.

Reading Records

Thank you for the support you show with regards to commenting in your child's reading record. It is invaluable to teachers to know that your child is receiving support from home in reading and your comments help us to decide whether to change books or move levels.

Please aim to read with your child for 15 minutes every night and comment in their record book. We endeavour to listen to your child twice a week in school, one to one and through Guided Reading.



Library Books

Your children have the opportunity to visit the library in the week, please remember to return the book to school after reading as we have a number of outstanding library books that need to be returned.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Marshall, Mrs Hughes and Mrs O'Hara.